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The Villager

Village of Golf Manor, Ohio

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GOLF MANOR TAX LEVY ISSUE 11 2-MIL RENEWAL



New Veterans Park at Ardmore and
Losantiville

VILLAGE FINANCE UPDATE

The following information is provided by the Golf Manor budget office to inform citizens about Village finances. Please review and save this report for your reference as you prepare to make your decision regarding the proposed 2-mil tax renewal this fall.

For 2012, the Village will run on a budget of about 3.6 million dollars - assuming the proposed renewal levy passes. That sum is equivalent to the operating budget of 80 homes at the median income in Golf Manor of \$45,000 (2000 census).

The revenue side of the budget is composed of five funds: general fund, fire levy, police levy, street levy, and the Street Construction Maintenance and Repair (SCMR) fund. The police, fire, and street levies were passed as specific property tax measures dedicated for these uses. The police and fire departments also depend on the general fund for operating expenses. The SCMR money comes from our allocation of state gasoline tax and motor vehicle registration fees, and must be used for street repair in accordance with state law.

The majority of the money in the general fund (~\$2.5 million) comes from local payroll tax (1.7% in Golf Manor), property tax, and fire/emergency medical service (EMS) contracts with other communities. EMS contracts contribute \$365,000 to the general fund. Billing insurance companies for ambulance services generates an additional ~\$125,000 in income. (Note: Golf Manor residents owe only what their insurance companies cover for this service.) Cutbacks at the state level, including the state tax rollback and elimination of estate tax, will reduce village income in the future.

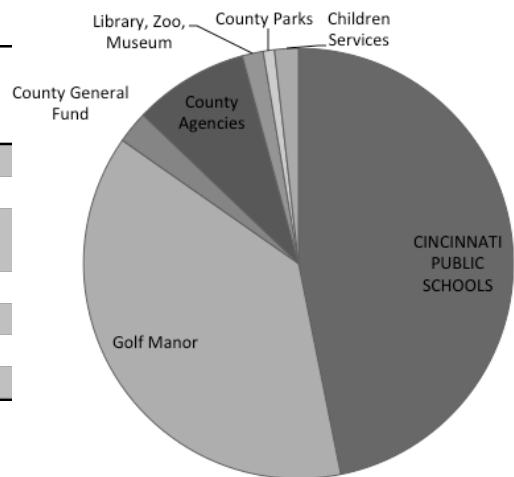
The general fund is used for all operating expenses not covered by specific levies. The largest outlays from the general fund by percentage are police (25%), fire/EMS (25%), health insurance (10%), administration salaries (8%), and retirement (8%). The Village is funding redevelopment activities fully or in part with grants, nearly \$2.2 million dollars to date. Redevelopment activities include projects such as street resurfacing, parks, streetscaping, razing abandoned buildings, and rehabbing homes.

There are seven property tax levies in force in Golf Manor. These are listed in order of date of renewal in the Table on this page. The third entry in the Table is the levy Council voted to place on the ballot this fall as a renewal. This operating levy generates approximately \$103,000 dollars for the general fund. The tax rate will remain at two (2) mils and your taxes paid to the Village will not increase. For a \$100,000 home, the cost is \$60.81 per year, identical to your previous tax bill. The fire, police, street and SCMR funds are expected to balance in 2012. The general fund will balance only if the renewal levy passes. Because the budget is extremely tight even if the levy passes, the Finance Committee did not budget for employee raises again this year.

The service director, fire chief and police chief have made every effort to cut expenses over the last 10 years. In addition, they continuously examine all procedures, policies and service providers to make sure the Village is obtaining the best possible value. Our tax department and mayor's court have implemented new and aggressive collection programs that are bringing in delinquent taxes due the village.

One final piece of information is presented in the Figure below. This is a breakdown of your total tax bill based on taxing authority. Golf Manor will receive 38% of your total property taxes in 2012.

Fund	Mils	Term, Years	Annual Cost* \$100,000 Valuation	Renewal
Fire	6	Continuing	\$175	n/a
Police	6	Continuing	\$176	n/a
General Fund**	2	5	\$61	Nov. 2011
General Fund	4	5	\$118	Nov. 2012
General Fund	2	5	\$59	Nov. 2013
General Fund	7	5	\$131	Nov. 2014
Streets/Sidewalks	8	10	\$236	Nov. 2016



* Source: Hamilton County Auditor

** Reference: Golf Manor Resolution 2011-19

SAFETY FIRST!



October is Fire prevention Month. Every year in the United States thousands of lives are lost needlessly to preventable fires. Our goal is to encourage you to make your home a safer place to live by identifying fire hazards and taking time to correct them.

The fire department will again endeavor to visit every residence during the month of October. Please welcome the fire fighter delivering fire prevention literature and feel free to ask questions, or ask to have any problem areas in your home inspected.

Basic fire survival preparedness should include:

A Working Fire Alarm on Each Floor of Your Residence - Fall is a good time to change batteries, too. Test alarms regularly. **LANDLORDS** - Ohio law requires smoke alarms!

Escape Plan - Make a plan to get out of your home or apartment in the event of a fire. Discuss this plan with all family members. Decide on a meeting place well away from the home and out of the way of safety vehicles. This helps fire personnel determine whether everyone is out of the building.

Another high-tech company has located in Golf Manor. **Cincinnati Communications** is the nation's premier Broadband over Power Line (BPL) service provider, offering broadband services to residential and small business customers. They are located at 6240 Wiehe Road. They have been here for one year and have 15 employees.

Cincinnati Communications owns and operates a broadband network that was built by Current Communications. Originally created as a partnership with Cincinnati Gas and Electric (CG&E), the network was designed to use the "third wire" into the home (i.e. the power lines) to deliver high-speed data and voice services. The network was constructed over three years and began servicing the Cincinnati community in 2003. Constructed of almost 250 miles of fiber optic cable the power lines are used only to connect the fiber for the last hundred feet into the home.

Over the years Cincinnati Gas and Electric changed their business; they sold their share of the network back to Current and they sold the electrical network to Duke Energy. While not a partner with Duke Energy, Current remained a tenant on their lines. Over the years Current's business model changed as well. They began to create and operate "Smart Grids" for utilities around the world and ceased creating networks for the purpose of providing commercial broadband services. Current is the communications provider in Boulder Colorado's Smart Grid City.

In 2010, an executive from Current and Current's Cincinnati employees purchased the network from Current and began to operate it as a locally focused company. At that time the company was rebranded Cincinnati Communications. With that change, it was decided to move the operations center from Blue Ash to a location more central to their network.

Cincinnati Communications looked at locations all over the Cincinnati area. Golf Manor was found to be conveniently located with access to the highways. By moving to Golf Manor, Cincinnati Communications dramatically reduced the drive time and response time for their support teams to both maintain the network and their customer base. Cincinnati Communications chose an office on Wiehe Road as their new home. They invested tens of thousands of dollars in upgrades to the property and moved in October of 2010. Cincinnati Communications has since found the Village administration to be business friendly and the constituents of the Village very supportive.

While Current began by offering broadband over power line as their exclusive product, Cincinnati Communications has unlocked the value in the underlying fiber optic network. With fiber optic cables on almost every street, Cincinnati Communications now sells direct fiber optic connections to businesses and residences. They are proud of their customer service commitment and the fact that seventy five percent of their customers have been with them more than four years. – by Anthony Keefe, President and CEO

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COMMUNICATIONS



Welcome also to **Worldwide Graphics**, now located at 6262 Wiehe Road. Founded by Christian Beebe in 2006, the company employs 10 highly trained professionals including designers and production staff. This is a well-respected firm within the graphic design and sign community, known for innovative technology and quality. Recently, Worldwide Graphics produced the graphics for scenes in the George Clooney movie The Ides of March shot in Oxford, Ohio. According to Christian Beebe, that project kept his staff burning the candle at both ends to meet the director's production schedule.



Like many small companies in Golf Manor, Worldwide Graphics is built on a strong foundation of good business practices and dedicated employees, who share the vision of their founder. The Wiehe Road industrial district is ideal for this type of business, being centrally located and secure, offering affordable warehouse space with offices at the front. WWG has made a significant investment to renovate the inside and the outside façade of the building, and additional improvements are planned to create a positive image for the company.



Please Patronize Local Businesses:

AB Realty, 2249 Losantiville Ave., Realtor Bobby R. Johnson, e-mail bobbyrjohnson.abrealty@fuse.net . Call 513-396-6677.	
Ace Exterminating Co., 1920 Losantiville Ave. 513-351-9100 General Pest Control, Certified for Bed Bug Inspection and Treatment.	
B & J Electric, 6316 Wiehe Rd. 351-7100	
Bicknell Heating and Cooling, 2675 Losantiville Ave, 513-631-4228	
	In-Home Care and Skilled Nursing Services Phone: 513.271.6700 Medicare, Medicaid and Commercial Insurances
Clayt Werden Electric Company Inc., 6256 Wiehe Rd, 513-731-6843, owners Clayton D. Werden, Jr. & Clayton D. Werden, III	
	Coffee Break Roasting Co., 1940 Losantiville Ave, 513-841-1100, www.coffeebreakroasting.com , 10% discount for Golf Manor residents
Cuisine East West Catering/Personal Chefs, 2700 Losantiville Ave, 513-351-7300, Catering services, 10% discount for Golf Manor residents & businesses	
Faulk's Tax Service, 6033 Elbrook Ave, 513-351-8848, computerized bookkeeping, taxes, payroll & Notary Public	
Golf Manor Custom Care Cleaners, 2198 Losantiville Ave, 513-631-3305; ask about discount for Golf Manor residents	
Golf Manor Self Storage, 1910 Losantiville Ave, 513-631-8000, Mention seeing us in <i>The Villager</i> for a free month's rent on any size unit (new Golf Manor renters only please)	
Gospel Coffee Shop, 1745 Section Rd., 631-5400, Mon to Fri 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.	
Jen's Furniture & More Mattress Outlet, 7990 Reading Road Suite 500, 513-208-1060, 513-225-0512, email: jensfurnitureandmore@yahoo.com , Mention seeing us in The Villager and get a 10% discount (not valid with other special offers or clearance items), clean used furniture & appliances, new mattresses, plus full line of new Sauder furniture	
Cincinnati Communications (high-speed internet and phone service via power outlets) 1.877.775.8446, Call for special offers available to Golf Manor residents – up to 33% off normal prices! Promotion code is “GolfManor”	
Kalb's Auto Body, 2201 Losantiville Ave, 513-531-2944, kalbsautobody@gmail.com , “Lowest Prices, Highest Quality Repair in Town” Monday-Friday 9 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. -- 5% discount for Golf Manor residents; ask about help with deductible	
Kay's Electric Service, 513-213-6139, Low-cost electrical repair work for older homes	
	Kenny C's Barber Shop, 2130 Losantiville Ave, 513-287-9346, owner/barber/stylist Kenny C, barber specializing in Wave Nouveau, Fades, Tapers and regular hair cuts
	La' Sam 'U' L Styling Salon, Elbrook and Losantiville, 513-227-8986, Daryl Jones: owner and stylist. Perms \$60, Relaxer \$45 – 5% discount for Golf Manor residents, 10% for seniors on Tuesdays
Lois Obermeyer, 513-531-2610, Certified Health Educator, Call for free 30 minute consultation	
Merry Maids, 6324 Wiehe Rd, 513-631-9594, Rich & Bobbi Levin franchise owners	
Mills Fence Co., 6315 Wiehe Rd, 513-631-0333, www.millsfence.com , 8% discount for Golf Manor residents & businesses	
Nathaniel Robbins, 513-379-8517 cell, 513-351-4740 office, carpet cleaning \$25 per average room	
Ohio Building Services, 2212 Losantiville Ave, 513-761-0268, janitorial services and building maintenance	
Zero Company Roofing, 6225 Wiehe Rd, 513-541-1848 office, Residential & Commercial Roofing, http://www.ZeroCoRoofing.com , info@ZeroCoRoofing.com Mention seeing us in The Villager and get \$75 off of \$1000 or \$250 off of \$3000	
United Dairy Farmers, 2151 Losantiville Ave, 513-531-5006, www.udfinc.com	
Visiting with Care, 2411 St. Albans Ave #3, 513-924-0095, owner Alexis Webster, visitingwithcare@yahoo.com , www.visitingwithcare.com , Non-Medical In-Home Care Services	
WFOVideo Productions, 513-886-2062, owner Rich, www.wfovideo.com , Life stories of family elders, digitize old photos/videos/films to DVD	



IMPORTANT WARNING ON WALKING IN THE STREET

The Village continues to experience problems with children and adults walking in the street. Golf Manor ordinance No. 371-05 allows a police officer to issue a ticket and an associated \$105 fine for this violation. Please use the sidewalks maintained for pedestrian use.

New Service Available to Golf Manor Residents at no charge: Curb-Side Brush Collection

The Village is bringing curb-side brush pickup, a highly valued service, to our Golf Manor Residents. This service will be provided the second and fourth Thursday of the month (there will be no brush collection service from November 1st through March 1st due to leaf pickup and snow removal) Remember that any contractors you hire (professional tree trimmers, landscapers, builders, etc.) are required to remove from your property any tree limbs, trunks, brush, logs, etc. that they generate. They are **NOT allowed** to place this material at the curb.



You can make the employees' job much easier if you follow these procedures, which also creates less wear and tear on our equipment and saves fuel:

Procedure

No limbs, vines, brush etc. for brush collection, shall be set out on the street curb no sooner than 6:00 p.m. the day before brush collection (collection is the second and fourth Thursday of the month).

Keep the length of the limbs you set out for removal as long as you can to move them to the front yard curb, but no longer than nine (9) feet maximum.

Limbs may be up to, but not exceeding, 10 inches in diameter.

Limbs and brush should be stacked or piled lengthwise along the sidewalk in front of your house on the yard side of the sidewalk. *Do not block the sidewalk.*

Vines and limbs with thorns should be cut into 4-foot lengths and bundled and tied with string (no wire).

Different types of materials are to be set out in separate areas (i.e., limbs in one area, vines, thorns, and logs in another). Our crews do not have the time to untangle big piles of various types of material at each residence. Please use your entire yard frontage to set the brush out if necessary and form a second row if required.

Materials such as rocks, bricks, pipes, wire, fencing material, lumber, etc., are to be disposed of with your regular trash according to Rumpke's regulations.

With street parking at a premium, please try to put the brush pile where cars parking on the street won't block the heavy equipment used for pick-up. You may even discuss with your neighbor about putting the brush on their side of the street that has no street parking.

Small sticks (smaller than a broom stick), twigs, leaves, and other small debris such as this may be bagged or placed in cans for Rumpke, following their yard waste removal regulations. The Village brush crew will not pick up this type of material.

Collected material will be composted, not taken to the landfill!

By Mayor Alan Zaffiro

We all know that we have the best police and fire departments ever in Golf Manor under Chief Eddie Taylor and Chief Gregg Ballman. In this column, I want to introduce you to the folks you do not see as often: the service director, service crew, and office staff – also easily the most talented and productive ever to serve the Village.

In Golf Manor, the service director, Mr. Wane Creager, wears many hats. He is the village administrator, zoning administrator, supervisor of the service crew (Dave Hubbard, Tony Withers, Jake Larrick), supervisor of the administrative offices staff (Kathy Patrick, Jamie Smith), and shares the hat of economic development officer with vice-mayor Donna Faulk and the mayor. Wane has been with the Village for 30 years. He is a paramedic and captain on the Fire Department, the former building inspector, and is seven years in his current position. Unlike his predecessors, Mr. Creager is managing several major redevelopment projects at any given time on top of his normal duties. Currently, these are: the NSP1 blight removal grant (\$265,000), the Home Improvement Grant Program (\$75,000), the NSP2 housing rehab grant (\$1,000,000), Kellerman street resurfacing (\$402,738), and the Hamilton Co. energy efficiency grant. He is also working with me on applying for grants for the renovation of the pool area in Volunteer Park. As zoning administrator, he processes applications for new developments and business expansion, and enforces the residential zoning codes. Mr. Creager also manages the new Rumpke waste collection and recycling program. This program illustrates well the benefit of an experienced, full-time service director. We were able to save residents ~40% on their waste collection bills by shifting the burden of billing each household from Rumpke to Golf Manor (using your water bill). That could not be done without the administrative capacity Mr. Creager has built up for the Village.

Jamie Smith, Tax Clerk (now Tax Commissioner) and Assistant Fiscal Officer, has been here 5 years. The complex process of preparing and monitoring the Village budget is very smooth under her guidance. Jamie has taken on the role of tax commissioner (assisted by Kathy), which was formerly a contracted position by the Village. Jamie has been able to coordinate and apply the available resources in the police and legal departments to collect delinquent taxes. She also monitors whether landlords register their tenants with the village, a legally required measure, to ensure that these tenants file their tax forms in Golf Manor. Kathy Patrick is assistant tax commissioner, accounting and payroll clerk. She does the payroll in house and just about every other typical (and unexpected) office function. Kathy has been with us 12 years.

A three-member service crew rounds out the administrative staff. Dave, the crew chief, is here 24 years, Tony, 26 years, and the new kid on the block is Jake, hired this year. These men have the skills to do major street repair, building maintenance, leaf collection, brush collection, vehicle and building maintenance. To support our community beautification project, they painted all the fireplugs in the village and refreshed most of the signs. They have the talent and ability to undertake major redevelopment and remodeling projects that would normally require a contractor. The service crew renovated the Village hall and kitchen, assisted the fire department in building a training center in the municipal building, installed memorial bricks at Volunteer Park, and helped build the new veterans park. There is not space to relate all the hard work these employees put in. Please join me in thanking them for their service.



Dave Hubbard, Jake Larrick, Tony Withers



Jamie Smith, Wane Creager, Kathy Patrick

Message from the Chairperson

The Recreation Commission is the organization that plans and sponsors most of the Village's events. The Easter Egg hunt and the 4th of July have been our main focus over the past few years. Two new events are planned for this fall.

There will be a spaghetti dinner held in the newly renovated community hall at the Golf Manor Municipal Building (6450 Wiehe Rd.) on the 22nd of October from 5 until 8 p.m. It will be a great way to spend time with some of your neighbors and an opportunity to make a new friend. Mark your calendar! The meal will be free but we will have a donation basket in place to help sponsor future events.

Beginning November 15th, Recreation is also going to open the Municipal Building on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. for our neighborhood seniors. Checkers, chess, card games, and Scrabble have been suggested forms of fun but we'd love to hear your ideas. Light refreshments will be provided; all we need is you. Your hosts will be Lisa Zaffiro and Jerry Beringhaus.

The Recreation Commission is always looking for new ideas and volunteers. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, except the month of December. If you have any questions you are welcome to call Cindy at 351-3513. We'd love to see you at our next meeting. – Cindy Beringhaus,

Reviving Youth Baseball in Golf Manor

Golf Manor baseball teams are being formed for next year's season. Boys and girls ages 4-10 as of May 1st 2011 are eligible. Golf Manor Field in the park on Wiehe will be home field. Barry Larkin, Ken Griffey Jr. and many others major league players once played on this field.

If anyone is interested to follow in their footsteps or just have fun please call Henry Faulk (Vice President, Golf Manor Recreation) (513) 351-8848 or e-mail hfaulk19@yahoo.com by October 31, 2011.

**SAVE THE DATE & THIS PAGE****FREE COMMUNITY DINNER****OCTOBER 22****5 - 8 P.M****SENIOR SOCIALS****TUESDAYS BEGINNING NOV. 15****1- 3 P.M.**

**BOTH EVENTS HELD IN THE COMMUNITY
HALL AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Patriotic/Holiday Band

Golf Manor Recreation is establishing a small marching band for the 4th of July Parade and small concerts in the park and hall. Let's show our community spirit!! Anyone with musical experience, please contact Henry Faulk (513) 351-8848 or e-mail to hfaulk19@yahoo.com.

HALLOWEEN **IN GOLF MANOR**

TRICK OR TREAT
MONDAY, OCT. 31
6 - 8 P.M.



DISTRICT A ART & MUSIC FESTIVAL **OCTOBER 8, 2011**

BEGIN THE FUN in Kennedy Heights with arts of all kinds at KH Art Center & AIM, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
ART SHOW & SALE (with music on the hour), from NOON - 5 p.m., at the Ridge Pavilion, 6142 Montgomery Rd.
TOP OFF THE DAY at our Community Block Party, 5 - 10 p.m., hosted by All Saints Church, 6301 Parkman Place

LEGISLATION IN PROGRESS

Council is working to update the zoning code. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes at public meetings to be announced. Updates include: prohibiting the parking of vehicles (boats, trailers) on non-paved surfaces, requiring boats and trailers to be licensed and parked only on paved surfaces, prohibiting six-foot chain-link fences in residential areas, prohibiting barbed wire, prohibiting outdoor vending machines, allowing decorative fences up to 1.5 feet high along the front property line, and prohibiting covered car ports.

RENOVATION OF THE POOL AREA IN VOLUNTEER PARK

This is an ambitious project and will require multiple grants. First, we are requesting community development funds to raze the dilapidated pool and bathhouse. Golf Manor's combined 2012 – 2015 allocation barely covers the demolition costs. We will apply for a state grant (NatureWorks) early next year to begin to build new park facilities. Additional funding sources will be needed to complete the project. Proposed improvements include a new bathhouse, a modest spray park for children, walking trail, shade trees, picnic area, and an amphitheater. Public input and participation in the planning process makes our applications stronger and we need your ideas. **Please see insert in this newsletter regarding public meetings and get involved.** Our goal is to begin construction in the fall of 2012. We deserve a first class park and studies have shown that parks and greenspace stabilize older communities, strengthen neighborhoods, reduce crime and promote economic development.

VETERANS PARK

The plaque honoring Golf Manor veterans is taking a little longer than expected due the large number of veterans identified to date. Please contact Gregg Ballman (531-2022, gballman@fuse.net) if you or any Golf Manor resident you know (past or present) served in the armed forces. Please include your name, as it should appear on the plaque, branch of service, dates of service, birth date, and copy of DD214. Memorial bricks are still on sale, as well – see insert. Please visit the new park at Losantiville and Ardmore avenues.



Flag in Dennis Puthoff Memorial Veterans Park; memorial bricks will be placed here.

STREET RESURFACING UPDATE



Kellerman in progress

We are in the fifth year of our street repair program. Recall that not only are streets being resurfaced, but also new water and gas mains have been installed. Kellerman will be completed this November with a cement surface, new driveway aprons and sidewalks. Previously completed projects are Cedarbrook (cement), Graceland (blacktop), Ridge Acres (repairs), Yosemite (blacktop), and Bremont (cement).

READING TUTORS NEEDED FOR PLEASANT RIDGE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Contact is Liz Wymer
School Improvement Coach
Pleasant Ridge Montessori
513-290-8823
WymerEl@cpsboe.k12.oh.us

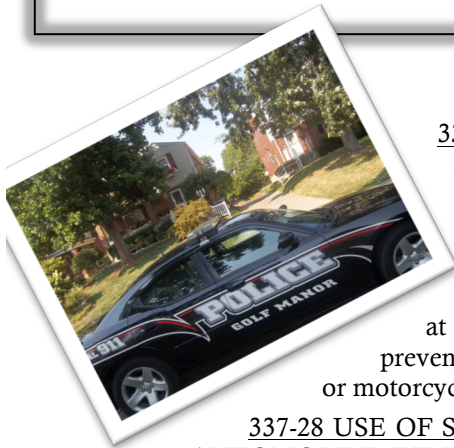
FREE MEALS FOR QUALIFYING SENIORS AND FAMILIES

The Caring Place in Kennedy Heights is offering a food assistance program. Qualifying applicants receive a box of food, block of cheese, and personal care items each month. **The Caring Place** is open on Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Their phone number is 841-1499.**



PLANT A TREE THIS FALL

Fall is a great time to plant trees. Trees increase your property value and help to beautify and shade our neighborhoods. Visit www.golfmanor.org (spring 2011 newsletter) for list of trees appropriate for our area and small inner-city yards.



FREQUENTLY VIOLATED ORDINANCES

335-10 EXPIRED OR UNLAWFUL LICENSE PLATES*: No person who is the owner of a motor vehicle, which is parked or operated upon a public street or highway, shall fail to annually file the application for registration. (License plates expire on the owner's date of birth, not the last day of the month.)

337-20 MUFFLER; MUFFLER CUTOUT; EXCESSIVE SMOKE, GAS OR NOISE*: Every motor vehicle and motorcycle (with an internal combustion engine) shall at all times be equipped with a muffler in good working order and constant operation to prevent excessive and unusual noise. No person shall have in their possession any motor vehicle or motorcycle equipped with a device for producing excessive smoke or gas.

337-28 USE OF SUN SCREENING, NONTRANSPARENT AND REFLECTORIZED MATERIALS IN AUTOMOBILE WINDOWS*: "Sun screening material" means any film, glazing or perforated sunscreening, which, when applied to the windshield or windows of a motor vehicle, reduce the effects of the sun with respect to light reflectance or transmittance. Basically, the police must be able to see into your car.

351-03 PROHIBITED STANDING OR PARKING PLACES*: No person shall stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the provisions of this Traffic Code, or while obeying the directions of a police officer or a traffic control device, in any of the following places:

(1) On a sidewalk, curb, street lawn area, except a bicycle (2) In front of a public or private driveway (3) Within an intersection (4) Within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant (5) On a crosswalk (6) Within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection (7) Within thirty (30) feet of, an upon the approach to, any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic control device (8) Within one (1) foot of another parked vehicle (9) At any place where signs prohibit stopping, standing or parking, or where the curbing or street is painted yellow, or at any place in excess of the maximum time limited by signs; (10) At any place posted "No Parking - Fire Lane"

505-01 DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE*: No person being the owner or having charge of an animal shall permit them to run at large upon any public place, or upon any unenclosed lands or upon the premises of another.

505-03 ANNUAL REGISTRATION OF DOGS; TAGS REQUIRED*: No person shall own, keep or harbor a dog more than three months of age without annually registering such dog with the County Auditor. Failure of any dog at any time to wear a valid registration tag shall be prima-facie evidence of lack of registration.

505-09 BARKING OR HOWLING DOGS*: No person shall keep or harbor any dog within the Municipality which, by frequent and habitual barking, howling or yelping, creates unreasonably loud and disturbing noises of such a character, intensity and duration as to disturb the peace, quiet and good order of the Municipality.

505-15 DOG DEFECATION*: No owner, keeper or harbinger of any dog, cat, or other animal shall knowingly permit such dog, cat or other animal to defecate upon the property, either public or private, of another without such owner, keeper or harbinger having in his possession necessary tools or equipment to remove such defecation.

505-18 PIT BULL TERRIERS BANNED*: Pit Bull Terriers are banned within the Village of Golf Manor. Fine: up to \$1000 per day.

521.08 LITTERING*: Maximum fine is \$1000.

**These summaries of Golf Manor Ordinances are not exact, and are provided for your convenience. For the exact wording, please refer to the Golf Manor Ordinance Book at the Golf Manor Municipal Building, 6450 Wiehe Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237.*

FALL 2011

Neighborhood Stabilization Program II (NSP II)

As previously reported, Golf Manor was awarded \$1,000,000 in federal funds from the NSP II. We have completed one home at 6302 Mayflower; please check it out – it looks great. This home is now for sale. Down payment assistance and homeowner training are provided. An open house will be held in October. Please come to learn more about the NSP program and to see the potential of the good housing stock in Golf Manor! Three more houses have been purchased under this program and will be rehabbed soon.



NSP II Rehab on Mayflower Ave.

Property Maintenance



Setting and enforcing high standards for property maintenance is an important tool in the fight to revitalize older communities. Take a look at the result of the City of Cincinnati's lack of enforcement in Roselawn along Reading Road between Section and Sunnybrook, or at the corner of Langdon Farm and Seymour. Peeling paint, junk stored in back yards and driveways, dilapidated storage sheds, deteriorated retaining walls, deteriorated siding, gutters falling off or with vegetation growing in them, broken steps, high weeds, and high grass are all violations of our ordinances. Most of us can make very

visible improvement in our properties by simple, low-cost measures: clean up litter, trim your sidewalks and berms, keep your back yard free of junk, get rid of old rusty fences, junked cars and dead trees, paint your house and clean your gutters. Recycle and use your covered garbage container. Please, instead of walking over an old car tire or discarded bottle, pick it up and properly dispose of it. (Take tires to Goodyear or call the Village.)

Last Chance for Home Improvement Grants

This is the last year Golf Manor will offer grants for exterior home improvements. Please contact Mr. Wane Creager at the Village offices (531-7418, 531-5155) or the Mayor at 200-7041 (or by e-mail at golfmanor@cinci.rr.com) for an application.

These grants are designed to assist homeowners needing financial assistance for cosmetic and structural repairs. Eligible projects include windows, porches, driveways, retaining walls, steps, railings, painting, siding, roofing, etc. The homeowner is reimbursed 50% of repair costs incurred up to a maximum of \$2,000.00. Grants will be awarded on the basis of financial need. This program is funded by a federal grant; no local tax dollars are being committed. Projects must be completed by the end of this year to qualify!

Who is eligible? Owner-occupied, single-family, two-, three-, and four-family residential homes with qualifying household income according to the following chart:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Maximum Qualifying Income	\$37,050	\$42,350	\$47,650	\$52,950	\$57,200	\$61,400	\$65,650

Waste Collection and Recycling

Golf Manor is in the third year of our new waste contract with Rumpke, with the charges appearing on your water bill. The program has resulted in increased recycling rates and much lower cost to residents. The waste containers provided have virtually eliminated the spread of litter from unsecured containers and bags. The secure containers have also eliminated the problem of rats and raccoons attracted to food waste. Note: bags are prohibited by law. Garbage must be placed at the curb in a ridged container with a lid. Brush and branches must be tied in bundles no more than four feet in length.

Please take advantage of the recycling service. Just use the bin Rumpke provides. Put in cans (tin, bimetal, aluminum), bottles (glass, plastic #1– #7: bottles only, no tubs or other plastic waste), newspaper, junk mail and cardboard; then place it at the curb with your garbage. Rumpke is required to supply a bin (by Golf Manor law) at no extra charge on your waste collection bill. The Village receives incentive money for each ton recycled. This money is used for community beautification and to purchase goods made from recycled materials such as park benches. Also, recycling helps the environment teaches our kids an important lesson for their future and promotes a positive, progressive image of our Village. Rumpke can be reached at 851-0122. Ask for the Golf Manor representative. You have the option of the 19-gallon red bin or a 65-gallon outdoor recycling cart with wheels and a lid.

If you have hazardous waste (used motor oil, pesticides, oil paint) in your home, please take it to the Hamilton County drop-off site on Spring Grove Ave. It is illegal and bad for the environment to dispose of many of these materials in storm sewers, drains, or municipal trash. Also remember, tires are not accepted in the trash (Ohio law); recycle these at a tire dealer. For more information regarding the 2011 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Program and a list of acceptable wastes, please call the Hamilton Co. Department of Environmental services @ (513) 946-7700 or visit www.hcdoes.org.



Waste Collection and Recycling (cont.)

TV and Electronics Recycling

Televisions and computers with screens are banned under the rules of the Golf Manor waste collection program. Your best option for these items is to take them to a Best Buy store: Tech Trade-In program. They will accept most consumer electronics, including televisions and monitors up to 32 inches, desktop computers, notebooks, videocassette recorders, DVD players and phones. Customers will be able to drop off up to two devices per day at any Best Buy store. A \$10 recycling fee applies to any unit with screens, such as televisions and computers. However, customers instantly receive a \$10 Best Buy gift card in exchange for the recycling fee.



HELP IS AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS ON HEATING BILLS – *Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio*

Help is available through the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), which is administered by the Ohio Department of Development through local community action agencies.



HEAP is available in two forms: regular and emergency. Seniors can find out if they are eligible for either program by completing an application. Although HEAP is for low-income utility customers of any age, the Council on Aging (COA) is involved in the program by providing information and application to seniors locally. Last year, COA and area senior centers provided information or assistance to nearly 2,500 older and disabled adults.

Applications for seniors are available by calling the COA at 721-0125 and may be submitted anytime from now until April 30, 2012.

Property Maintenance & Building Permit Phone Numbers

Everyone should maintain their property in a manner that is an asset to the community. If you observe a nuisance or problem in your area (high grass, junked autos or trash on private property, exterior deterioration of a home), please call 513-531-9941 or contact our inspection service directly at 513-745-0370. Please use the following numbers for building applications: Residential & Commercial Building Permits & Information 888-433-4642; Residential & Commercial Electrical Permits 888-433-4642; Residential & Commercial Plumbing Permits 513-946-7800; Zoning Issues or Questions 513-531-7418. **A building permit is required for exterior work such as retaining walls, decks, home additions, and for interior remodeling projects that involve structural changes.**



Waste Collection, Recycling and Monthly Brush Collection

Golf Manor law requires Rumpke to provide each homeowner with recycling services. Please call them if you do not have a bin. It is included in your bill. **Rumpke: 851-0122.**

“The Villager” is the official newsletter of the Golf Manor Village Council. It contains important information from your police, fire, paramedic, building, tax, and service departments. Please take time to read this newsletter and become an informed, involved member of the community.

Facts About Golf Manor:

- ✚ Incorporated in 1947
- ✚ Police Department: 11 police officers & 24 hour patrols
- ✚ Fire Department: 35-member fire/paramedic department

Golf Manor Police Department

Eddie Taylor	Police Chief
Chris Campbell	Lieutenant
Robert Heiland	Sergeant
Michael Forrest	Patrol Officer
Casey Fox	Patrol Officer
Brian Kinamore	Patrol Officer
Mike Mullen	Patrol Officer
Philip Van Cleve	Patrol Officer
Ryan Rump	Patrol Officer
Ron Wallace	Patrol Officer
James Gilbert	Patrol Officer
Dorthea Powell	Police Clerk

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Golf Manor Elected Officials

Alan Zaffiro	Mayor
Donna Faulk	Vice-Mayor Executive Committee Chair
Brenda Dubose	Finance Chair Planning Commission Chair
Greg Brown	Executive Committee
Sharon Chaney	Finance Committee
Brian Doering	Executive Committee
Elaine Moscovitz	Finance Committee
Greg Doering	Clerk/Treasurer

Council Meetings: Council meets the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 pm. Council is organized into two committees: 1) Executive and 2) Finance. The Executive Committee meets at 6:45 p.m. before the regular Council meeting on the 2nd Monday, and Finance meets at 6:30 p.m. before Council on the 4th Monday. All meetings are open to the public; however, please note that you must register with the office (531-7491) to speak. Finance formulates the Village budget each year and must approve all major expenditures. The Executive Committee handles all of the issues historically distributed among a number of committees including law, safety and health, economic development, community beautification, recycling, waste collection, communication, education, public relations, parks, recreation, etc.

Important Telephone Numbers

Police, Fire, Health Emergency	911
Police non-emergency (dispatch)	825-2280
Police non-emergency (officer cell)	615-3001
Police Clerk	531-3108
Fire Department	531-2022
Service Director	531-7418
Village Office	531-7491
Tax Department	531-5155
Building Department	888-433-4642